

Draft Board Forgets Promise Lets Scores Risk Cold Waiting Outdoors Tuesday

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Just what does it take to get the Civic Auditorium opened to the mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sweethearts and friends of boys waiting for transportation to Los Angeles and entry into the service of their country?

Does it take an act of Congress to wake up Selective Service Board No. 280 to the fact that there's no pleasure—and considerable hazard to health—waiting around outdoors for hours in the cold?

The reason seems shivered and ran the risk of severe colds while waiting to say goodbye to their boys Tuesday morning—the coldest of the year—was that the Selective Service Board failed to notify the city council that the contingent was leaving. This failure is all the more reprehensible because only a week ago the same thing happened and the Selective Service Board agreed to notify the Auditorium caretaker in advance of the departure of a contingent so the Auditorium could be opened as a reception center.

The city council voted to allow the Auditorium to be used for this purpose after Chairman Carl Steele of the Selective Service Board asked for this courtesy.

The Herald received a number of phone calls from parents and heard a lot more complaints from others who were forced to wait that frigid Tuesday morning. It opened its office to a dozen or more—some with small children—but the Auditorium remained locked and the Selective Service Board forgot to carry out its promise of giving advance notice.

It is true that the boys who got such a frigid send-off Tuesday morning were already in the Army, having been inducted the week before, and were not officially under the jurisdiction of the Selective Service Board. Nevertheless, they were responding to a draft call, they were ordered to meet in front of the Board's headquarters and by common courtesy should have received the Board's continued interest.

Of course the Selective Service Board is busy and Board members are donating their services. But it should not be too busy to give some attention to the reception of not only its selectees, but their parents, loved ones and friends who come to see them off for their greatest job in life.

Hollywood Riviera Separates From L. A. City School District

In the face of strong opposition from the Los Angeles city board of education, withdrawal of the Hollywood Riviera district of Torrance from the Los Angeles city elementary school district was granted last week by the County Board of Supervisors. Elementary school children from Hollywood Riviera will continue to attend the Palos Verdes school but now the suburban Torrance area will pay Palos Verdes school district taxes.

Opposition to the almost unanimous desire of Hollywood Rivierans to withdraw from the Los Angeles school district was presented by Messrs. Gould, Evans and McMahon, representing the Los Angeles city board of education. Reporting the hearing before the Board of Supervisors, the Palos Verdes News said:

"The opposition was based on the loss of school taxes on a million dollars of assessed valuation to the city of Los Angeles school district for the coming year from Hollywood Riviera."

"C. C. Carpenter, deputy county superintendent, presented the facts, con and pro, before the Board of Supervisors, stating that the assessed valuation which Los Angeles city school board would lose amounted to a mere 1.1600th of the billion, seven hundred million total assessed valuation of Los Angeles city."

"It was evident to the residents of Hollywood Riviera that Los Angeles city was not considering giving the children of Hollywood Riviera any great educational advantages, but rather considering how much money they would lose out of their treasury."

"The Hollywood Riviera taxpayers also know that Los Angeles city retained four-fifths of the school tax money for which Hollywood Riviera received nothing in return. For approximately 20 years this status has remained the same, and in all that time, Los Angeles has done nothing for the children of Hollywood Riviera educationally. Hollywood Riviera, under advisement started the petition for a change of elementary school boundary."

"Supported by Haughe the hearing was attended by a large delegation of at least 50 people, representing various groups from both communities, particularly the parents of the elementary school children of Hollywood Riviera."

"Action on this change of elementary school boundary was taken on the recommendation of Dr. C. C. Trillingham, county superintendent of schools and C. C. Carpenter, deputy county superintendent, supported by Supervisor Dr. Oscar Haughe. These qualified administrators acted upon the needs of the children, and were not influenced by the monetary aspirations of the city of Los Angeles," the Palos Verdes News report concluded.

RETURNS HOME

Fred Quaggin, who has been serving in the Merchant Marine Service, returned to his home, 1609 Anapola ave., Wednesday evening. He was accompanied by Mrs. Quaggin who joined him in San Francisco this week.



MOURNED—John Disario, works metallurgist at the Columbia Steel plant, died suddenly at his home, 1449 Engracia ave., early Sunday morning.

Last Tribute Paid Metallurgist at Funeral Today

Scores of friends and acquaintances of John Disario, works metallurgist at the Columbia Steel plant since 1928 and eminent authority on metallurgy, paid him final tribute at funeral services conducted at Stone and Myers' chapel this afternoon by Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal church. Cremation followed at Inglewood cemetery.

Mr. Disario succumbed suddenly early Sunday morning at his home, 1449 Engracia ave., his death coming as a distinct shock to his co-workers here and metal men throughout the nation. He was 49, a native of Potesna, Italy, who came to this country when he was but six years of age.

"I had long regarded Jack, as he was known to all of us at plant, as one of the key men in the Columbia Steel organization and his passing is a blow not only to our company, but to the steel industry in general," Otto Kresse, general superintendent of the plant here, said. "We can ill afford especially at this time—to lose such a man as Jack Disario. His work here will long be remembered by all of us."

Inspiring Speaker
He leaves his widow, Angeline; three sons, John, Jr., and William of the home address, and Joseph of Wyandotte, Mich.; a daughter, Ross Marie, and two brothers, Vincent and Frank of New York City. Mr. Disario had lived and worked in Torrance for 14 years.

A citizen of the United States, (Continued on Page 5-A)

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New Chamber Launched By Civic Group

National Supply School Trains Women Workers Objectives Adopted By Self-Supporting, Independent Group



TRAINING FOR WAR WORK—One of the busiest sections of the big National Supply plant is the school for new women workers shown above. Operated on regular three shifts, the school accommodates about 60 potential war workers every 24 hours. The students learn how to operate machinery under skilled instructors and soon take regular jobs.

Culminating months of study, tabulation of surveys and preliminary discussions, decision was reached last night by a representative group of Torrance citizens to re-establish the Chamber of Commerce as an independent organization having three immediate objectives: elimination of the wage differential which is said to be a barrier to home-

Deadline Nears For Auto Fees; Many are Late

Less than 50 per cent of the number of motorists who had obtained their new license plates at this time last year have paid their fees and applied for their 1943 motor vehicle tags at the Torrance office located at 1879 Carson st. in the Torrance hotel building.

Manager Harry L. Rose disclosed that from Jan. 2 to 15 only 1954 have paid fees so far while last year the total was 4140. He reiterated that the Feb. 4 deadline will not be extended and double fees will be the penalty suffered by those who fail to comply with the regulations.

The Torrance office of the Motor Vehicle department is open from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 5 p. m., daily, except Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, Jan. 30, the office will be open during those hours to accommodate motorists.

"We have held scores of meetings with all kinds of residents—workers, businessmen, industrialists, professional men and the ministerial group," he said. "Out of these sessions and from inspection of questionnaires we drew this basic conclusion: Torrance needs an independent Chamber of Commerce representative of the entire community if the city is to survive as a progressive municipality. The new chamber must not be bound by cliques and factions, it must be vigorous, fearless in its attacks on what the membership believes detrimental to the welfare of the city and it must be self-supporting."

Directors Are Named
Indicative of the community-wide nature of the new chamber is the roster of its 15 directors who represent every phase of activity in the city. These directors are: Representing heavy industry: Otto Kresse, superintendent of the Columbia Steel plant; Erle G. Meeks, secretary-treasurer of International Derrick and Equipment Co., and R. R. Smith, supervisor of industrial relations of the National Supply Co.

Members at large: Robert McCallum, owner of the Torrance Sheet Metal shop, who is also acting secretary; Dr. O. E. Fossum, dentist, and George Peckham, of Schultz and Peckham, Ford Service.

Labor (Torrance Labor Coordinating Council): Robert Lessing, National Supply; Tom Dougherty, C. I. O. organizer, and Kenneth Beight, Columbia Steel.

Light industry: J. E. Pooler of Pacific Perfuming Co.
Business: Sam Levy, pioneer merchant.
Financial and Utilities: Dean Sears, manager of the Torrance branch of the Bank of America.
Professional: C. T. Rippey, attorney.

Rev. B. C. Buxton, real estate agent.
Ministerial: Rev. H. Wesley Roloff, pastor of the Central Evangelical church.

Plan Clearing-House
As outlined at the meeting last night, the primary objectives of the new chamber are:

- (1) To effect an independent, permanent and progressive civic and material development and advancement by the coordinated effort of all aggressive and non-political elements in Torrance, financed independent of taxation and free of local political influence.
- (2) To create a clearing-house of civic ideas and problems through a permanent Board of Directors appointed by all of the citizens of Torrance and particularly by all of the industrial, business, labor and civic organizations in Torrance, each director to be the fountain or source of all of the ideas and problems with which his members are confronted and which require a coordinated, community effort to solve.

To Press Plans
(3) To create an assembly center and reservoir of all such ideas and problems and the necessary data to effect a solution of the same through appropriate committees appointed by the directors.

(4) To create a spring-board for propelling all such ideas, problems and solutions into the designed for use of the chamber.

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Girl Scouts Set Pace for Bomber Bond Drive Here

Girl Scouts of St. Andrew's Junior Patrol, led by Mrs. J. T. Gursler, showed the grown-ups how to sell War Bonds and Stamps last Saturday when they set up stands downtown and disposed of \$153 in stamps and a \$500 bond in a couple of hours.

The girls, just under teen age, let nothing get away from them. Confronted by a request for a \$500 bond (which they could not sell) quick thinking Dolores Uhlbright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Uhlbright, 1434 El Prado, escorted the customer to a booth at one of the banks where a worker in the women's division took care of the application.

Now the Scouts have a share in the medium bomber which is to be christened "City of Torrance" when the \$175,000 quota is met.

Only eight selling days remain before the deadline, Feb. 1.

Name Will Be Official
The Girl Scouts have set the pace for the finish, now it's up to the grown-ups to speed their purchases to meet and even surpass the quota which will give the city the right to name a bomber. Three other cities have entered the lists with Torrance to sponsor a medium bomber. They are South Gate, Highland Park and Alhambra.

Boyle Heights has already met its agreement to raise \$300,000 or the purchase of a heavy bomber. Prompt action on the part of Torrance citizens may make this city the second of all the entries to buy a bomber. Ten other cities, including Re-

Blood Donors Wanted for March Calls

Registrations are now being accepted at Red Cross headquarters, 1449 Engracia ave., for the next two visits of the mobile unit of the Blood Donor Service. The unit will be at the Civic Auditorium Monday morning, March 8, from 8:40 to 12 o'clock noon, inclusive, and again on Monday afternoon and evening, March 22, from 3 to 7 p. m. The latter time is to accommodate shift workers who have expressed desire to donate blood to the plasma fund.

Mrs. R. R. Smith, chairman, invites everyone over 110 pounds (a new weight—the former requirement was 120 pounds) and in good health to register for contributing a pint of blood. The Red Cross headquarters' phone is 1524 and she may be reached after 4 p. m., at 17.

More Women Needed to Maintain Essential War Production Quotas

There's a school in Torrance that operates classes 24 hours a day, six days a week and its graduates are all women.

It is the school maintained by the National Supply Co., to train war workers for machine shop jobs and since June 15 a total of 415 women have enrolled for the instruction under supervision of H. L. Bodley. It's his job to interview the applicants—and they come from all walks of life—estimate their abilities and assign them to the classes which are operated on the same schedule as the main plant.

Bodley, who has been with the National Supply since Feb. 20, 1922, plays a vital role in the war effort. His job is becoming more valuable daily as the manpower shortage increases and war industry enrolls more women among its ranks. At the present time 25 per cent of the National Supply's workers are women. Within a few months it will be 50 per cent and after that?

Few Are H. S. Graduates
"We don't know what the future holds," Bodley said this week. "All we know is that we've got a job to do and are looking for more women to do it. We are now equipped in our school to train 50 or 60 women per day, working regular shifts."

Women applicants for shop jobs include few high school graduates but all are most enthusiastic about starting training and then venturing into regular jobs. Although they are students for three months that does not mean they have to attend the company's school that long.

"We've had some women here who grasped details so quickly that we could put them in the main shop after only one or two days of training," Bodley said. "Others are in the school three or four weeks and then advance to regular jobs. But for the first three months—and longer if necessary—they continue their instruction under lead men and foremen."

Child Care Problem

Daily reports are expected from the novice machinists for the initial training period and from these reports foremen and supervisors find out the best worker for any particular job.

In addition to this job-supervision, National Supply provides for councilors women who help their co-workers in every way possible to maintain morale and keep harmony. Trainees start at 55 cents an hour and are increased 5 cents an hour every 25 working days. After their instruction, they are "on their own" and can advance in pay the same as men workers.

Asked what was the greatest obstacle to steady employment of women and the cause of most absenteeism, Bodley de-

Madrid Right-of-Way Cleaned Preparatory To Planting Program

Coincident with the cleanup of the wreckage of four loaded freight cars damaged when a broken wheel flange flung them off the tracks at Torrance Blvd. and Madrid ave., Jan. 5, Santa Fe crews have cleaned the entire right-of-way along Madrid ave., from the boulevard to Carson st.

Guard posts have been installed and will be railed on both sides of the railroad cut and the city plans to plant privet hedges and ice plants the entire length of the right-of-way. This improvement has been sought for years and at one time City Engineer Glenn Jain proposed widening the strips of pavement. This suggestion was not followed by the city council or the Santa Fe.

'Honor Roll' Now Has 696 Names

In the six weeks since the last publication of the "Honor Roll" of Torrance and Walteria men in armed forces, 94 names have been added to the service list—one of them being that of Miss Caroline Delano of 2567 Sonoma ave., this community's first WAAC. There are now 696 names on the city's "Honor Roll" which is published on Page 4-A today.

With the listing is published the names of those men from Torrance who have given their lives to the service of their country—fortunately no additions have been made to this list—and those who have been reported missing in action.

Undoubtedly there are some names that are not on the "Honor Roll" but if relatives and friends of men thus overlooked will call The Herald, phone 444, the additions or corrections will gladly be made. Local men—and Miss Delano—in the various branches of the armed forces are:

Army	388
Navy	222
Marines	8
Coast Guard	35
Naval Reserve	25
Army Reserve	5
Marine Reserve	2
W.A.A.C.	1
Active State Guard	10
TOTAL	696

VISIT IN PASADENA

Mr. and Mrs. John Keefe were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edwards of Pasadena and formerly of Torrance.

War Industries Committee to Fight Bottlenecks

Determined to prevent any bottleneck to war production in the Torrance area, leading industrialists formed the Torrance War Industries Committee here today to attack problems of manpower shortage, transportation and housing. F. L. Landon, public relations supervisor of the Aluminum Corp's Torrance plant, was named chairman and E. T. Reynolds, personnel manager of the Bohn Aluminum & Brass Corp., was elected secretary.

Pat MacDonnell, Torrance housing coordinator, who arranged the meeting, will present a program of direct action to compile factual material on the needs of some 50 industries in this district. Governmental agencies are to be invited to participate in the discussions which the committee expects will lead to more housing and additional public transportation here.

Carl Bush of the Office of Defense Transportation addressed the group today and declared the solution of the problem of rail and bus service awaits completion of the Pacific Electric's extended line from Los Angeles direct to Terminal Island in May to serve shipbuilding workers.

Suggests 'Feeder Line'

He pointed out that O. D. T. is not attempting to eliminate private autos from the transportation field but rather encourage individual motorists engaged in war work to use their cars rather than patronize overloaded rail and bus lines where such exist. He indicated that "feeder lines" to the existing railway routes could be expanded and installed to meet the Torrance need providing industries here

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No. 3 Coupons in 'A' Gas Books Expiring Today

Today is the last day to use the No. 3 coupons in your gasoline rationing "A" book. These expire at midnight tonight and the No. 4 tabs become valid immediately Friday. The No. 4 coupons are good until midnight March 21 when No. 5 goes into use.

Motorists with "B" or "C" rationing may apply for renewal of these books at any time within 30 days prior to the date when their present books expire or at any time afterward.

Paul Barsdale d'Orr, rationing officer, said there is no need to wait until "B" or "C" books run out.

Defense Corps Here Ready for Army Inspection

Preliminary to the all-out Torrance Civilian Defense Corps inspection test which will be conducted here Wednesday night, Jan. 27, by Army officers and the Office of Civilian Defense, Police Chief John Stroh has scheduled two important inspection meetings, one tonight (Thursday) and the other Monday night, Jan. 25.

Tonight all members of the Control Center and the Casualty Station are scheduled to meet at 7 o'clock to receive final instructions concerning the official inspection. All Auxiliary Police who are not working have been ordered to meet Monday night, Jan. 25, at 7 o'clock in the city council room for the same purpose. Last night Stroh gave final instruction to the Air Raid Wardens.

The official Army-OCB test will begin at 6:55 p. m., Wednesday night, Jan. 27, when all members of the Torrance corps are to be "alerted" and at their posts. There will be no audible signal or blackout, Chief Stroh reiterated, declaring that if a blackout is signalled by the factory whistles that night it will be the "real thing" and not a test.

Asks Public's Cooperation

Twenty "bombing incidents" have been prepared in advance of the arrival of Major John E. Jardine, Jr., of the OCB and his staff which will conduct the inspection. These will be supplemented by two or three additional main incidents drafted by the inspectors. In order to check the adequacy of equipment and personnel, actual equipment will be used and a corps of 20 "checkers" will watch how the incidents are handled.

The entire drill will be staged exactly as if it were an actual air raid. Stroh said in warning the public that streets may be blocked and residents receive special instructions. He asked that the public cooperate with the Civilian Defense workers during the test.

A "red" alert will be simulated at 7 p. m. when the inspection starts. The "all clear" set for 8 p. m. Immediately afterward, all members of the Torrance corps will report to the Civic Auditorium to hear Major Jardine and his staff discuss the drill and criticize the manner in which the various incidents were handled.

IN LA CANADA

Miss Virginia Zamperini was a weekend guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Flammer, at La Canada.